

MINUTES OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 7, 1976

The County Council meeting was opened by Chairman Bailes, with the opening prayer by Mr. Fred Hamilton.

It was moved by Mr. THomas, Seconded by Mr. Ramey and carried to accept minutes of the September 16th meeting as printed.

Planning Commission Director, C. Dick Plyler requested the acceptance of Oconee Point County Park for supervision and maintenance with County only to pave the road, a distance of about 100 ft. over a period of 5 years. Council agreed the paving would not be a problem, but requested the County Attorney study the lease and the PRT Commission to furnish figures to prove it can be a self-sustaining operation.

Mrs. Lois Doubertly requested that the newly hired clerk for the PRT Commission and Aeronautics Commission not be required to start with the beginning salary of \$5,088 due to her experience. Council agreed this Clerk would have to work a probationary period as is the rule for all new clerks.

It was moved by Mr. Ramey to allow the Hospital Expansion Committee to give a preliminary report, and it was agreed. Mr. Jack Watkins spoke first, requesting Council not to obligate all of the County's bonded indebtedness for schools but to consider the need for the hospitals expansion program. Figures for this undertaking should be forthcoming in about 60 days. Dr. R. K. Nimmons then spoke in behalf of the hospital's needs..

Mr. Thomas offered for 2nd reading, the School Bond Ordinance for the issuance of general obligation bonds for school construction at Seneca (5,000,000.00), Westminster Middle School (2,000,000.00) and Salem Elementary (1,000,000.00). Mrs. Thomas then moved to accept the Ordinance on 2nd reading. Mr. Herring seconded the motion then moved to amend it to read Westminster Middle School 3,000,000.00. Mr. Thomas seconded the move for the amendment. After much discussion it was agreed by Council to vote on the 2nd reading of the Ordinance. It was defeated and the vote is as follows: Herring, Yes, Ramey, No, Moore, No, Thomas, Yes and Chairman BAiles, No.

Council discussed a section of Cobb Bridge Road which the County no longer maintains and agreed to notify landowners that it would be discussed at the October 21st meeting if there are no objections it would then be closed.

Tax Collector John Fowler requested additional help for his office. It was referred to Mr. Thomas to see if any present personnel were available to help out if not, then a clerk could be hired for the rest of October and November. Mr. Herring moved, Mr. Ramey seconded and it was passed for the salary for this clerk be at beginning pay for clerks.

Mr. Ramey moved to pay the bill for Architects for the proposed Cultural Center in the amount of \$18,340. Mr. Moore

seconded and it was unaminusly agreed.

Supervisor Phinney requested the salary budgeted for County Physician be divided equally between Drs. Moyle, Davis and Darby, with hospital insurance paid on each. Mr. Moore moved to allow this. Mr. Herring seconded and it was agreed.

Mr. Herring moved, Mr. Moore seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10;45P.M.